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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, UR, JA

SUBJ: JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT MOSCOW

REF: MOSCOW 0238

1. SOVIET DELAY IN TENDERING INVITATION TO FONMIN MIYAZAWA PROBABLY DUE AS MUCH TO TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS AS TO MIDEAST SCHEDULING PROBLEMS OR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIVDIR ARAI OPINED TO EMBOFF. ALTHOUGH MORE LEAD TIME GIVEN IN 1973, SOVIETS TOOK THREE MONTHS TO PICK A DEFINITE DATE FOR TANAKA-BREZHNEV SUMMIT. ARAI SUSPECTS THAT SOVIETS KNEW LONG BEFORE YESTERDAY(JAN 7), WHETHER JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR JAN 15-18 WAS ACCEPTABLE AND ARE FULLY PREPARED FOR MEETINGS, BUT WAITED TO EXTEND INVITATION UNTIL LAST MINUTE TO KEEP JAPANESE OFF BALANCE.

2. COMMENT: WHETHER ARAI RIGHT OR NOT, HIS HARD-EYED ATTITUDE PROBABLY TYPICAL OF THOSE THAT GOJ WILL TAKE TO MOSCOW. MEANWHILE FONOFF PRESS BRIEFERS WORKING OVERTIME TO DEFLATE ANY EXPECTATIONS THAT MIGHT ARISE FROM TRIP. POINT MADE REPEATEDLY IN BACKGROUNDERS PUBLISHED JAN 8 THAT PROGRESS UNLIKELY SINCE NEITHER SIDE WILL BUDGE ON CONFIDENTIAL

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SO FAR AS TO CONCLUDE, "IF TANAKA VISIT TO MOSCOW REPRE-
SENTED STEP FORWARD, MIYAZAWA VISIT WILL TURN OUT TO BE
ONE STEP BACK."
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